

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. GEORGE DULL KNIFE, Defendant.	5:20-CR-50122-JLV-01 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
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This matter came before the court for a change of plea hearing on January 11, 2022. The Defendant, George Dull Knife, appeared in person and by his court appointed counsel, Stephen Demik, while the United States appeared by its Assistant United States Attorney.

The defendant consented in open court to the change of plea before a United States magistrate judge. This court finds that the defendant's consent was voluntary and upon the advice of counsel. The government also consented to the plea hearing before a magistrate judge. Further, the parties waived their right to object to the report and recommendation.

Defendant has reached a plea agreement wherein he intends to plead guilty to Count 3 of the Indictment which charges him with Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1153, and 113(a)(3). At the hearing, the defendant was advised of the nature of the charges to which the

defendant would plead guilty and the maximum penalties applicable, specifically: ten (10) years in prison; a \$250,000 fine; or both; three (3) years supervised release; two (2) additional years' imprisonment if supervised release is revoked; a \$100 special assessment; and restitution.

Upon questioning the defendant personally in open court, it is the finding of the court that the defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea, that the defendant is aware of the nature of the charges and the consequences of the plea, and that his plea of guilty to Count 3 of the Indictment is a knowing and voluntary plea supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of the offense. The defendant's guilty plea to Count 3 of the Indictment is accepted. It is my report and recommendation that the defendant be adjudged guilty of that offense.

DATED this 12th day of January, 2022.

BY THE COURT:



DANETA WOLLMANN
United States Magistrate Judge